GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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USE OF UNSAFE INJECTIONS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether unsafe injections in India account for 50 percent of Hepatitis B & C cases and one-fourth HIV infections in the country each year; and

(b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to stop the use of unsafe injections?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) The unsafe injection practices increases the risk of blood borne diseases like Hepatitis B, Hep `C` HIV infection etc. As per the INCLEN study the potential risk of blood borne disease is 31.6% because of unsafe injection practices.

(b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare have decided to introduce AD (Auto-disabled) syringes for the Universal Immunization Programme in the country. These syringes cannot be reused and hence chances of transmission of Blood Borne Infections (viz. Hepatitis B, C and HIV) are minimized.